

Congresswoman

# LORETTA SANCHEZ

Working to Keep Our Families Safe

A Report to the People of the 46th District





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## Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez

is working hard to keep our kids safe in their schools.



Congresswoman Sanchez meets with young people from Orange County to discuss school violence solutions.

## Sanchez Invites Students to be Voices Against Violence

Santa Ana teen Michelle Aceves represented Orange County at the *Voices Against Violence* Summit. Congresswoman Sanchez, along with other Members of Congress, met in Washington, DC with hundreds of teenagers from across the country in October to share their ideas on youth violence.

"Michelle and her fellow students have proven that our teens want to help keep our communities safe," Sanchez said. "Young people can help find solutions to the school violence problem, but we need to listen."

A recent graduate of Santa Ana's Century High, Michelle is studying psychology and broadcast journalism at Orange Coast College. She plans to complete her studies at UC Santa Barbara.

Michelle will bring these ideas up for discussion when she participates in the Congresswoman's Youth and Education Advisory Committees. For more information on these boards, please contact Congresswoman Sanchez's Garden Grove office.

### What can be done?

- Increased Security In Our Schools create a safer environment
- Smaller Class Sizes foster learning in the classroom
- Modernized Schools allow students to focus on studying

I want to hear parents' and students' opinions on how to prevent school violence. Join me at Katella High School to offer your perspectives on and solutions to this difficult problem.

School Safety Forum
January 12, 2000
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Katella High School in Anaheim
2200 Wagner Ave
(Cross St.: State College Blvd.)



Michelle accompanies Congresswoman Sanchez to the Voices Against Violence Summit.



# House Passes Student Results Act



During a tour of Peters Elementary, Congresswoman Sanchez discusses the importance of reading.

Congresswoman Sanchez's Oct. 16 "Paying for College" event brought financial experts and local college officers together with students, parents and educators. All were advised on the availability of financial aid, program eligibility, and obtaining student loans.

# Planning and Paying for College

"Now more than ever, preparing for college includes deciding how to pay for it -- often a daunting task for students and their families," Sanchez said. "That is why we must ensure that families are empowered with the information they need to make those decisions."

For more information on student financial aid, please contact Loretta's Garden Grove office or visit her web site at: http://www.house.gov/sanchez.

Watch for more Sanchez-sponsored financial aid events in the future!

Last month, the House overwhelmingly voted to reauthorize provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

"We must continue to build relationships between our schools and the community," said Sanchez. "As a parent, you are the most important teacher your child will ever have. I worked to make sure our bill – the 'Student Results Act of 1999' – emphasizes parental involvement."

This bill requires schools to:

- Expand communication between teachers, students and parents.
- Review parental involvement policies yearly.
- Train teachers how to work with parents as equal partners.
- Allow parental advisory councils.

The bill contains other Sanchez-supported priorities, such as issuing school report cards to help parents hold schools accountable, strengthening state standards and assessment requirements, and continuing comprehensive school reform. Congresswoman Sanchez successfully led the fight to protect the "Women's Educational Equity Act," which has provided academic opportunities for millions of young women since 1974.



Congresswoman Sanchez meets with students from U.C. Irvine to discuss housing and other legislative issues.

# Sanchez Brings O.C. Tax Dollars Home to Fight Crime

### **Protecting our officers**

\$99,661 in bulletproof vest funding

Making schools safe for children

\$151,826 to keep drugs out of our schools

Fighting crime in Orange County

\$175,000 for police drug prevention programs

Putting more officers on the beat

\$300,000 for more cops on Orange County streets

Preventing illegal immigration

\$62,500 for technology to identify criminal aliens

Fighting drugs in Orange County

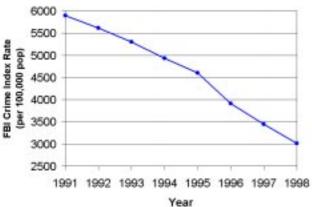
\$400,000 in crime prevention programs



Congresswoman Sanchez, pictured with SAPD Chief Paul Walters and Santa Ana Councilwoman Pat McGuigan, talks about Officer Boyd and her efforts to secure Department of Justice survivor benefits for his family.

# Crime in Orange County Drops 7th year in a Row

Down 48.8 Percent Since 1991!



### Sanchez working to secure Officer Boyd's benefits

On January 28, 1998, the Santa Ana Police Department and our community lost a loyal public servant. Joseph Boyd, who had served as the SAPD rangemaster since 1993, was killed when a weapon he was testing accidently discharged.

Unfortunately, because Rangemaster Boyd was not technically a sworn officer, his family has not received U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) benefits for police families. Sanchez has introduced legislation that will clarify Boyd's status for purposes of DOJ benefit requirements.

"I am committed to ensuring that Joe Boyd's memory is honored in this way," Sanchez said. "We owe him, and his family, no less."

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